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SUBJ: TRADE REFORM ACT - GSP

REF: (A) STATE 021689 AND PREVIOUS

(B) BRIDGETOWN 0122

1. MINEXTAFF AND TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS STATE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR GOB TO PROVIDE DEFINITE REPLY AT THIS TIME TO QUESTIONS OF WHETHER AND IN WHAT FORM IT WILL APPLY FOR STATUS AS GSP BENEFICIARY. TRADE OFFICIALS NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS NEEDED TO BE STUDIED AND THAT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF INTRA-CARICOM CONSULTATIONS IN TRA BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION (ALTHOUGH THEY DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SPECIFIC SCHEDULED MEETING).

2. IN VIEW OF TRADE MINISTER'S AND OTHER COMMENTS (REFTEL B) IT APPEARS THAT GOB INTENDS TO REQUEST GSP BENEFICIARY STATUS, (AS REF (A) NOTES, GOB AND OTHER CARICOM MEMBERS SUBMITTED LIST LAST YEAR OF PRODUCTS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER GSP). SOME TIME MAY ELAPSE, HOWEVER, BEFORE WE KNOW HOW AND IN WHAT FORM SUCH REQUEST MAY COME.

3. OTHER POSTS HAVE QUERIED ABOUT POSSIBLE DEADLINE FOR SUCH REQUEST. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING IF SUCH TIME LIMIT

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